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REMARKS

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Information

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1. On 30 December 1953, the Neue Kaserne in Wuensdorf quartered about 2,000 to 2,500 troops most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Some wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Eight vehicle sheds which were occupied by tanks and other vehicles were completed at the east side of the installation. Eighteen JS-3 tanks and about 100 trucks were parked there. About 20 more trucks were parked in front of the sheds.

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During the period from 2 to 25 January, soldiers were daily engaged in training with 3 JS-3 tanks, in infantry training and, about 120 soldiers were engaged in field training with light machine guns and mortars. An area, about 500 meters long, and located about 300 meters off the vehicle sheds along the road to Toeppchin was surrounded by a double barbed wire fence. An ammunition dump will apparently be established there.¹

2. On 27 December, the Lutz Kaserne was still occupied as was observed previously. A convoy of about 40 trucks had temporarily been stationed at the installation.

The convoy left on 25X1

28 December.

3. On 23 January, the AA emplacements No I and II were still occupied as was previously observed. Soldiers observed were engaged in gun drill, individual infantry training and received instruction in the handling of ammunition. The cadre personnel was apparently quartered in the low brick buildings near the emplacements while the crews seemed to have come from Camp Zossen.³

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two passenger trains daily ran between Wuensdorf and Brest Litovsk. One train each left Wuensdorf at 12:45 and 9:30 p.m. and one train each arrived at Wuensdorf at 2:40 p.m. and 3 a.m. The trains from the USSR carried women and

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children who were picked up by sedans and brought to Mlausdorf, Rehagen, Rangsdorf and Loenigswusterhausen and those to the USSR carried soldiers on leave.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Report fails to indicate which unit moved into the barracks installation. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] According to the present report, it is doubted that a unit of the 56th Motor Trans Regt should permanently be stationed there.

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